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How to spend the time in the Service and Pleasure of Almighty God.

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TO THE
Right Honourable
The LADY
ANNE
Counteſs of
MARESHALL:
AND
To the Pious Memory of
Her Excellent Mother
The Lady *ANNE*
Late Counteſs of
MORETON:

By whoſe earneſt deſire and Religious care, this BOOK was framed, and

made her devout Exercise whilst she lived, recommending the Transcript and Use thereof to many others; and particularly to her who now publisheth and presenteth it to the Religious and private Use of all Devout Persons, according to the desire of the Honourable LADY, to whom it is Dedicated, By

Her Ladyship's

most humble Servant,

M. G.

I Have perused this Book, and finding nothing in it but what may tend to the increase of Private Devotion and Piety, I recommend it to my Lord, the Bishop of London, *for his Licence to have it Printed.*

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In the Morning and Evening, and at Noon-day, will I pray, and that inſtantly; and he ſhall hear my Voice.

PRAYERS
IN THE
MORNING.

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In the Morning.

At Uprising.

EVery Day let the first thing you do, and the first word you speak, tend to the Worship and acknowledgment of Almighty God.

For upon our first Thoughts commonly the Thoughts and Actions of the whole Day do depend: Therefore when you first awake in the Morning, lift up your heart to God, and say,

I.

BLeſſed be the moſt Holy, Glorious, and Undefiled Trinity, now and for evermore.

II.

Bleſſed art thou, O Lord, who enlightneſt mine Eyes, and ſuffereſt me not to ſleep in death.

III.

Bleſſed art thou, for thou haſt created all things, and for thy Will's ſake they are, and were Created.

IV.

The Almighty Lord be now and evermore my

my defence, and vouchsafe to bless and preserve me from all evil this day and for ever. *Amen.*

When you are Risen,

Retire your self, and humbly kneeling, adore God, and say,

O Holy Lord God Almighty, before whom all Knees do bend, and to whom all Creatures in Heaven and Earth do bow and obey; behold, here I prostrate

ſtrate my ſelf before thee, adoring the Divine Excellency of thy ſovereign and infinite Majeſty, with all the Powers of my Soul, ſubmitting my ſelf with all lowlineſs and reverence to the greatneſs of thy Dominion and Power, and deſiring nothing more than faithfully to ſerve thee all the days of my life; for Thou art only Holy, Thou only art the Lord: and Glory be to thee, O Lord, moſt High. *Amen.*

Having

Having thus made your Adoration and Submiſſion to God, let theſe be your Prayers and Devotions every Morning.

OUR Father which art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily Bread. And forgive us our Treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that Treſpaſs againſt us. And lead us not into Temptation;

tion, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Confession of Sins, and Prayers for Pardon.

I.

ALmighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; I come unto thee in the multitude of thy Mercies, and in thy Fear do

I caſt my ſelf down before thee, moſt humbly lamenting my Sins, and craving of Thee, the God of all Mercy and Goodneſs, perfect Remiſſion and Forgiveneſs, through *Jeſus Chriſt* our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O Thou Maker of all things, and Judge of all Men, I acknowledge and bewail the many and manifold Sins which from time to time I have moſt grievouſly committed, by my Thoughts, Words, and Deeds,

tion, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Confession of Sins, and Prayers for Pardon.

I.

ALmighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; I come unto thee in the multitude of thy Mercies, and in thy Fear do

I cast my self down before thee, most humbly lamenting my Sins, and craving of Thee, the God of all Mercy and Goodness, perfect Remission and Forgiveness, through *Jesus Christ* our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O Thou Maker of all things, and Judge of all Men, I acknowledge and bewail the many and manifold Sins which from time to time I have most grievously committed, by my Thoughts, Words, and Deeds,

deeds againſt thy moſt Holy Commandments, provoking thereby moſt juſtly thy Wrath and Indignation againſt me. I do earneſtly Repent, and am heartily ſorry for theſe my Miſdoings; O rebuke me not in thine Indignation, neither chaſten me in thy heavy Diſpleaſure; but have mercy upon me, for thy Goodneſs, have mercy upon me, and forgive me all that is paſt; and grant that I may always ſtudy to ſerve thee, and pleaſe thee here-

hereafter in all godlineſs and pureneſs of life, to the Honour and Glory of thy Bleſſed Name, through Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

The Pſalm.

THE Lord is loving unto every Man, and his Mercy is over all his Works.

He forgiveth us all our Sins, and hath compaſſion upon all our Infirmities.

His Loving-kindneſs is better than life it ſelf, and

and therefore ſhall my Soul praiſe him.

Bleſſed art thou, O Lord, who wilt not caſt out my Prayer, nor turn away thy mercy from me.

As long as I live will I magnifie thee on this manner, and lift up my hands in thy Name.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghoſt;

As it was in the beginning, &c.

The

The Lesson.

TAke heed that ye walk circumspectly, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Be fervent in good works, and serve the Lord with all gladness of heart. Be patient in tribulation, and continue instant in Prayer. Be courteous and meek; and as much as lieth in you live peaceably with all Men: and whatsoever ye would that others should do unto you, do so to them; for this is the Law and the Prophets.

The

The Hymn.

VOuchſafe, O Lord,
to keep me this day
without Sin.
To ſhut and cloſe my
wandring Eye,
Leſt it let in Vanity.
To keep my Heart as pure
and free
From fond and troubled
Fantaſie;
To guide my Tongue, ſo
that no ſtrife
May breed diſquiet in my
Life:
To keep all harm, all ill
away,

While

In the Morning.

While I duly ſpend the Day.

Or this.

O Holy Ghoſt, my Soul inſpire,
And lighten with Celeſtial Fire.
Thy bleſſed Unction from above
Is Comfort, Life, and Fire of Love.
Anoint and clear my foiled Face
With the abundance of thy Grace.
Be thou my joy, my reſt, my home,

Where

Where thou art ſo, no ill
can come.
Teace me to know the
Father, Son,
And thee of Both to be
but One:
That day by day, all my
Life long
This may be my endleſs
Song;
To Thee all Honour,
Praiſe and Merit,
Father, Son, and Holy
Spirit. *Amen.*

A Devout Confession of our Christian and Catholick Faith;

With Explications and Prayers relating thereunto.

I. I *Believe in thee, O God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth*; loving thee as my *Father*, reverencing thee as the *Almighty*, and committing my Soul and my Body to thee as to a faithful *Creator.*

Creator. Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive Glory, Honour, and Power; for thou haſt *created* all things, and for thy Will's ſake they *are*, and *were created.*

II. *I believe in* Thee O thou King of Glory, *the Everlaſting Son of God the Father*, and *our Lord Jeſus Chriſt*, the Great Myſtery of Godlineſs, God manifeſt in the Fleſh, and ſent into this World for our Eternal Salvation in the World to come.

III. *I believe that thou*

waſt

wast conceived by the Holy Ghost, and born of the Blessed Virgin Mary without spot of Sin, thereby to cleanse us from all Sin.

IV. I believe that thou didst *suffer* what otherwise we must have suffered for ever. That thou wast Crucified to set us free from the Curse of the Law.

That thou didst *Die*, and thereby take away the sting of Death.

That thou wast *buried* in the Grave, and hadst the Victory over it; to assure us that our Bodies

ſhall not corrupt there for ever.

V. I believe that thou didſt *Deſcend into Hell*, to triumph over it, and to free us from the Fear of ever coming into that Place.

That the *Third Day* thou didſt *riſe again from the Dead* in our Nature, the Firſt-fruits of them that are aſleep in their Graves, who are thereby aſſured that they alſo ſhall not ſleep there for ever.

VI. I believe that thou didſt *Aſcend up into Hea-*

ven,

ven, there to prepare a place for us.

That thou now *ſitteſt at the Right Hand of God the Father Almighty*, there to make Interceſſion for us, our only Advocate with the Father.

VII. I believe that thence thou *ſhalt come* to receive us, and *to be the Judge of the Quick and the Dead*, after which thy Kingdom ſhall have no end.

All this I ſtedfaſtly *believe* of thee, O my *Bleſſed Saviour*, beſeeching thee to give me

Grace, that I may be made conformable to Thy *Image*; in Faith, to Thy *Conception*; in Humilty, to Thy *Birth*; in Sympathy, to Thy *Paſſion*; and in Mortifying my Sins, to Thy *Death and Burial*: to Thy *Deſcent into Hell*, by frequent Meditation thereof; and to Thy *Reſurrection*, by my riſing from Sin to newneſs of Life: to thine *Aſcenſion*, by ſeeking after thoſe things which be above; and to Thy *Coming to Judgment*, by judging my ſelf here, that I may not be

be there condemned with the World.

VIII. *I believe* also in thee, *O Holy Spirit*, the Lord and Giver of Life, the Infuser of all Heavenly Graces, and the Leader of thy Church in all the ways of Truth and Holiness.

IX. I believe therefore *the Holy Catholick Church*, the Mystical Body of *Christ*, whereof *He* is the only *Head*.

I believe *the Communion of Saints*, being joyn'd together in Faith, Hope and Charity, and mutu-

ally participating of one anothers Prayers.

X. I believe the *Remission of Sins* in this World, given and sealed to Us by the sacred Ordinances of God.

XI. I believe the *Resurrection of our Bodies* at the end of the World, to be united to our Souls.

XII. And I believe *the Life Eternal* in the World to come, where We shall be in happiness with Christ for ever. *Amen.*

PRAYERS.

I.

ALmighty God, who of thy Goodneſs haſt defended me from the perils of this Night, and ſafely brought me to the beginning of this Day, preſerve me in the ſame, I moſt humbly beſeech thee, by thy mighty Power, from all Sin, and Danger, through *Jeſus Chriſt* our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

ALmighty and Everliving God, vouchſafe

ſafe, I beſeech Thee, to direct, ſanctifie, and govern both my Soul and Body in the ways of thy Laws, and in the works of thy Commandments; that through thy moſt gracious Protection I may be preſerved from all Evil, both this day and for ever, through *Jeſus Chriſt* our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

POſſeſs my Mind, O Lord, continually with thy Preſence, and make me to have a perpetual fear and love of

Thy

Thy Holy Name, teaching me to do those things that may be pleasing to Thee, and profitable to my Salvation, through *Jesus Christ* our Lord. *Amen.*

IV.

LEAD me forth, O Lord, in thy Truth, and learn me; for Thou art the God of my Salvation, and in Thee shall be my hope all the day long.

V.

TO Thee, O King Eternal, be all Glory and Honour, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Con-

Conclude your Prayers with a remembrance of all your Friends, and of all them that belong unto you, saying,

INto thy Blessed Hands and Protection, O Lord, I commend my Spirit, Soul, and Body, together with all Them whom thou hast graciously given unto me, and to whom I do any way relate: Preserve them, O Lord, in thy Favour and Fear, increasing and multiplying thy Blessings upon them, and forgive them

them their ſin; keep them in perpetual Peace and Safety, for the love of thy only Son *Jeſus Chriſt* our Lord. *Amen.*

And ask Pardon for all the Diſtractions and Irreverences committed by you in his Divine Preſence, during this time that you have ſpoken to him.

In the Morning.

them their Inheritance
in Heaven, for ever and
ever, for the love of only
Son Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.

And as I am [illegible] all
the Difficulties and Dangers
we are encompassed with
from the Divine Provi-
dence, during this short
Life that we have to live
here.

A BRIEF
LITANY
OF
PRAYERS
FOR
EVERY DAY.

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A brief Litany for every Day.

O Most Bleſſed, Undivided and Glorious Trinity, and one Eternal God,

Have Mercy upon me.

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender Mercies which have been ever of old; and remember not my Offences, nor the Offences of our Forefathers; but after thy great goodneſs have mercy, and ſpare me, whom thy Son our Lord hath redeemed with his moſt precious Blood.

Have

Have mercy upon me, and ſpare me, O Lord.

From all Evil and Miſchief, from Pride and Vain-glory, and from all the Deceits of the World, the Fleſh and the Devil,

Good Lord deliver me.

From all Perils and Dangers, both of my Soul and Body; from extremity of Sickneſs, and from ſudden Death,

Good Lord deliver me.

By thy manifold and great Mercies, by the Mercies of our Bleſſed *Saviour*, by his bitter Croſs and Paſſion, by his

his mighty Reſurrection, by his moſt glorious Aſcenſion, and by his moſt effectual and acceptable Interceſſion,

Good Lord deliver me.

In all time of Tribulation and Adverſity, in the time of my laſt and greateſt Need, in the Hour of Death, and at the Day of Judgment,

Good Lord deliver me.

Deliver me, O Lord, as Thou haſt delivered all thy bleſſed Saints and Servants, from the guilt and burthen of my Sins, and from Thy Wrath

and

and everlasting indignation.

Good Lord, I beseech thee to hear me.

That it may please thee to preserve me in thy Faith, Fear and Love; and that I may evermore have affiance in thy Mercy, and ever study to serve thee in Holiness and Purity of Life.

Good Lord, I beseech thee to hear me.

That it may please thee daily to increase in me thy manifold Gifts of Grace, and that I may bring

bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, and ever ſeek thy Honour and Glory.

Good Lord, I beſeech thee to hear me.

That it may pleaſe thee to have mercy upon all Men.

Good Lord, I beſeech thee to hear me.

That it may pleaſe thee to ſave and preſerve our moſt Gracious King, and all the Royal Family.

Good Lord, I beſeech thee to hear me.

That it may pleaſe thee to reduce them that have gone aſtray from thy

thy ways, to comfort them that are in Sorrow, to relieve them that are in Need and Tribulation, and to amend all our Lives according to thy Holy Word.

Good Lord, I beseech thee to hear me.

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the World,

Have Mercy upon me, and grant me thy Peace,

Amen.

RULES
AND
PRAYERS
FOR THE
AFTERNOON.

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Rules and Advertisements how to imploy your time.

I.

PAss the Day in such Imployments as may be most meet and agreeable to that condition of Life wherein God hath placed you.

II.

Come not to the place where Sin dwells; and avoid all Corrupt Company whereto it resorts. Religion hath no greater Enemy than Conversing with such; of whom

whom your heart telleth you that there is neither Faith nor Fear of God in them.

III.

Be careful to demean your self affably and peaceably towards all those with whom you shall have just occasion to converse.

IV.

Let not either your Actions or your Discourses be vain and frivolous, but tending either to improve your Judgment, or to better your Affection.

V. *If*

V.

If you have the Government of a Family, take ſpecial heed that they live not diſorderly or idlely, to the offence of Almighty God, and the ſcandal of others.

VI.

And forget not (as often as you can) to be preſent and to aſſiſt at the Publick Offices and Divine Services of the Church, there to attend and perform the Homage and Worſhip of Almighty God, and to be inſtructed in his

holy Word: for that is a Duty and a Service most highly pleasing to him.

VII.

Remember (and you will much help your self, if you remember it) that you are continually in the presence of God, and ought to live continually in his Fear, and in obedience to his Commandments.

VIII.

Upon all occasions offered to you, exercise your Charity, and let not the Day pass you without

out ſome good work done by you, either of real Honour to God, or of real Charity to them that want it.

After-Noon.

After-Noon retire your ſelf a while, and uſe the Pſalm, Leſſon, Hymn, *and* Prayers *following.*

UNto thee I lift up mine Eyes, O thou that dwelleſt in the Heavens: My Soul waiteth ſtill upon thee, that thou mayeſt bleſs me,

O heaken thou unto the voice of my calling, my King and my God; for unto thee do I make my Prayers.

Shew Thou me the way that I ſhould walk in, and teach me to do the thing that pleaſeth Thee.

I will take heed to my ways, that I offend not in my tongue; and I will make a covenant with mine Eyes, that they behold not vanity.

O let not my footſteps erre from the Path of thy Commandments.

But

But let my delight be in walking after the Precepts of thy Law.

Thy Law is an undefiled Law, converting the Soul and giveth light unto the Eyes.

Keep thy Servant from all presumptuous sins, that they may not get the dominion over me; and cleanse thou me from all my secret faults.

That so I may be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer.

Glory be to the Father——

The Lesson.

IF Sinners entice thee, do not thou consent unto them. These things doth the Lord abhor: A proud look and a lying Tongue, an Heart that deviseth Wickedness and Mischief, a false Witness that speaketh not the Truth, and whosoever soweth Discord among others. In the multitude of Words there will be Sin. Keep Innocency, and do the thing that is right, for that will bring a Man

peace

peace at the last. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus; *and confess him to be the Lord, who was obedient to the Death of the Cross for the Redemption of Mankind, unto the Praise and Glory of God the Father.*

The Hymn.

WHO more can crave,
Than God for me hath done
To free a Slave,
That gave his only Son?
Blest'd be that Hour
When he repair'd our loss;

I never will
Forget my Saviour's
Croſs.

The Prayers.

I.

O God who knoweſt the frailties and infirmities of my weak nature, and in the midſt of how many Dangers I live, being continually ſubject to the deceits of the World, the Fleſh, and the Devil, and having no Power of my ſelf to help my ſelf, mercifully look upon me: and becauſe

I cannot continue in safety without thy Succour, preserve me evermore by thy help and Goodness, and keep me both outwardly in my Body, and inwardly in my Soul; that among the sundry and manifold Dangers of this World, my Heart may be set to attain Everlasting Salvation, and my Affections may surely there be fixed where true Joys are to be found, through *Jesus Christ* our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O God the ſtrength of all that truſt in thee, mercifully accept theſe my humble Supplications and Prayers; and grant me the help of thy grace, that I may pleaſe Thee both in Will and Deed, and obtain thy Peace all the Days of my Life, through *Jeſus Chriſt* our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

ALmighty and Everliving God, I give Thee moſt humble thanks, for that Thou haſt vouchſafed favourably

ably to call me to the knowledge of thy Grace, and Faith in Thee. Increaſe this Knowledge, and confirm this Faith in me evermore. Give me the comfort of thy Holy Spirit, and multiply upon me thy manifold Gifts of Grace, the Spirit of Wiſdom and Underſtanding, the Spirit of Counſel and Ghoſtly Strength, the Spirit of Knowledge and true Godlineſs; and fulfil me, O Lord, with the Spirit of thy holy Fear, through *Chriſt* our Lord. *Amen.*

Rules

Rules and Advertisements.

I.

After this, you may pass the rest of the Day in what lawful Recreations or Imployments you judge to be meet for you.

II.

Spend some while before Night in Reading, and read with attention: but let your Books be chosen with advice and care, for your instruction and knowledge in all good things, and specially for your Spiritual Benefit.

PRAY-

PRAYERS AT NIGHT AND BED-TIME.

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Retire your ſelf again.

AND when you have thought upon all the day paſt, how you have ſpent it, that is, what good or evil Actions you have done, and what bad inclinations you have reſiſted or amended, asking God pardon for all your offences, uſe theſe Prayers.

O

The Pſalm and Prayers.

LET my Prayer be ſet forth in thy ſight, O Lord, as the Incenſe; And the lifting up of my

my Hands be as an Evening Sacrifice.

In thee hath been my hope all the Day long, and under the ſhadow of thy Wings ſhall be my refuge day and night for ever.

Glory be to——

I.

O Thou brightneſs of Eternity, by whoſe Providence both the Day and the Night were created and governed, and who haſt made the out-goings of the Morning and Even-

ing

ing to praiſe Thee, mercifully vouchſafe to let the Light of thy Countenance ſhine upon me with the bleſſed Beams of thy Goodneſs and Mercy, that neither the Prince of Darkneſs may have any power over me, nor the Works of darkneſs overwhelm me; but that by thy mighty Protection I may be defended both in Body and Soul from all the perils and dangers of this night, and for evermore, through *Jeſus Chriſt* our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

II.

MAke me to remember that the Darkneſs hideth nothing from Thee, but that to Thee the Night ſhineth as clear as the Day, to Thee the Darkneſs and the Light are both alike.

III.

O Be thou merciful unto me, and bleſs me; ſhew me the light of thy Countenance, and be merciful unto me.

IV.

INto thy hands I commend my ſelf, my Soul and my Body, and all

all that is mine, for thou haſt made and created them, and thou haſt redeemed us, O thou Lord God of Mercy and Truth.

V.

THou haſt Created all things, and for thy Will's ſake they are, and were created.

VI.

O Send thy Light and thy Truth, that they may preſerve me, and ſave me, for thy Mercy's ſake.

Lord have mercy upon me.

Chriſt

Chriſt have mercy upon me.
Lord have mercy upon me.
God the Father bleſs me.
God the Son defend me.
God the Holy Ghoſt preſerve me now and for evermore. *Amen.*

Rules and Advertiſements.

AFter this ſpeak not unneceſſarily to any before you go to ſleep. Remember that your Bed is a repreſentation of the Grave, and Sleep an Image of Death. It behoves you not

not to lie down in ſuch a condition as you would be unwilling to be found or taken in it.

Bed-time.

Before you go into your Bed, kneel down and ſay;

GReat Ruler of the
Day and Night,
On our Darkneſs caſt thy
Light.
To thee who doſt by reſt
renew
My waſted ſtrength, I
humbly ſue,
That when I ſhall un-
cloſe mine Eyes,
Pure & chaſt I may ariſe,
And make my Morning
Sacrifice. In

Bed-Time.

IN the Name of God I will lay me down to sleep, whom I beseech to bless and preserve me now and for ever. *Amen.*

Being laid down to sleep, lift up your heart to God and say:

LIghten mine Eyes, O thou who dwellest in Eternal Light, and have mercy upon me, that I sleep not in Death.

The Almighty Lord be now and evermore my defence against all Perils and Dangers of this night. *Amen.*

FORMS
OF
Confeſſions
AND
PRAYERS
TO
Almighty God,
FOR THE
Forgiveneſs of SIN.

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A most devout Confession and Prayer for the Remission of Sins.

I.

I Have sinned before thee, O Lord my God, and done all evil in thy sight. I have sinned sins many in number, of many kinds, in many places, at many times, and often repeated: I have sinned large and great sins; I have sinned hainous and presumptuous sins: They are become burthensome and heavy; too heavy for me to bear, and their cry reacheth up to Heaven.

II.

AND what fruit have I in those things, whereof I am now ashamed? My Confusion is daily before me, and the shame of my face hath covered me.

III.

MOreover my mind is troubled, and I am afraid of thy Judgments. Wo be unto me, that I have done these things.

IV.

SEE, O Lord, how vile I am become: and what shall I say? or how

how shall I open my mouth? or what shall I answer, seeing I have committed all these Sins?

V.

TO whom may I fly for succour? or who shall deliver me from the Body of this Death, and from the multitude of my Transgressions?

VI.

SInce I can neither say nor do more, I will lift up mine Eyes to thee, from whom cometh all my help.

VII.

IN many things we offend all, and justly we deserve punishment; but thy Mercy triumpheth over thy Justice: and if I have known thee, O Lord, thou hast been good and gracious to them that have deserved evil.

VIII.

I Will therefore come boldly to thy Throne of Grace, that I may find Mercy in the time of need.

IX.

HERE I insist, and from the dreadful Throne

Throne of thy Juſtice, I appeal unto the ever bleſſed Throne of thy Mercy.

X.

O Suffer me not to periſh in my ſins. Lord careſt thou not that I periſh, who wilt that all ſhould be ſaved, and that none ſhould periſh?

XI.

I Am thine, O ſave me, I am thine own Creature, the work of thine own hands, thy lowly Servant, thine humble Handmaid; O deſpiſe not Thou the work of thine own hands.

XII.

BUT I am a Sinner; and Thou, O God, heareſt not Sinners.

XIII.

YEt conſider, O Lord, of what I am made; Remember that I am but Fleſh and Duſt, frail and corruptible Fleſh, and as the Duſt before the Wind. Wilt thou break a bruiſed Reed? Wilt thou blaſt a Leaf driven to and fro? Wilt thou purſue the dry Stubble? Or wilt thou hunt after a Flea? What ſhall I ſay or do unto Thee, O Thou Preſerver

Preſerver of the World?

XIV.

WIlt thou be angry With thy Servant that prayeth? Behold, I have heard that they ſaid in *Iſrael*, We will go to the King and ſay, Let our Souls live; it may be he will ſave us. Is any King more merciful than Thou? Thou ſparedſt *Ahab*, becauſe he was humble; Spare me alſo, O Lord, for I am humble before Thee.

XV.

I Cover not, I do not diſſemble, I do not

extenuate and leſſen my Sins: I freely confeſs them, I have done exceedingly amiſs, I call it often to mind, and I condemn my ſelf for it.

XVI.

SPare me, O God, and accept the Sacrifice of a broken Spirit, a contrite Heart, a troubled Mind, a wounded Conſcience, and an afflicted Soul, becauſe I have ſinned againſt thee.

XVII.

WIlt thou have pity upon ſome, and haſt thou made all others

others for nought? Shall thine Enemy say, Thou hast made us to kill us, or becauſe Thou hateſt us, or that Thou canſt not, or wilt not ſave us?

XVIII.

FAr be this from thee: But remember this, O Lord, how the Enemy hath reproached thee, and how the fooliſh People have thus blaſphemed thy Name.

XIX.

FOR what ſhall then become of thy great Name, of the richneſs of thy Mercy, which is over all

all thy Works, of the Blood of thy Son, who died for the Sins of the World?

XX.

WHEN thou canſt not for any other cauſe, yet for thy Mercy's ſake, for thine abundant Mercy in Chriſt, Thou haſt ſaid that thou wilt pardon us our Sins.

XXI.

WE ſay rightly, our Fathers truſted in Thee: They truſted in Thee, and thou didſt deliver them: Deliver me alſo, for I have truſted in Thee.

XXII.

I Will not let thee go, except Thou bleſs me. *Jeſus*, thou Son of *David*, thou Son of God, have mercy upon me.

XXIII.

THine Apoſtle hath not ſaid in vain, that thou cameſt into the World to ſave Sinners.

XXIV.

NOW therefore, O Lord, be merciful unto me a ſinner, and hear the Prayer and Supplication of thy Servant which I have made before thee, that thy face may ſhine upon

upon me: and give me, though I be unworthy, thy Pardon and Peace. *Amen.*

MEDI-

MEDITATIONS, Confessions AND PRAYERS Before the Receiving of the Blessed *SACRAMENT.*

BRITISH MUSEUM

Before you come to the Holy Sacrament.

I.

YOU are to prepare your self thereunto,

I. By a clean and pure Conscience.

II. By a clear and assured Faith.

III. By a full and perfect Charity.

II.

The day before you intend to receive the Blessed Sacrament, lay aside all your thoughts of Worldly affairs, and give your self to retirement.

III.

III.

Fix your Thoughts stedfastly upon God's infinite Greatness, and your own unworthiness to appear before Him.

IV.

And first (as Saint Paul *hath directed you) examine your self how you stand in the Faith, Profession and Practice of your Christian Religion, both before God and the World; how you have spent your time, what Good or Evil you have done, what bad inclinations you have resisted*

ſiſted and amended, and what Offences you have committed either againſt God or Man.

V.

Prefixing this Prayer to remember them, and to ask Pardon for them.

The Prayer.

O My God, I moſt humbly beſeech thee to open the Eyes of my Mind, to cleanſe the Thoughts of my Heart that I may ſee and acknowledge my Sins and Offences which I have daily committed in Thought,

Thought, Word, and Deed, against thy Divine Majesty; and that duly lamenting them, I may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness, through *Jesus Christ* my Blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

A Particular Confession of Sins; Referring to the several Commandments of Almighty God.

I Have sinned against the Lord my God, and I have offended against his Holy Laws,

And

And *(whereof you shall find your Conscience guilty, accusing your self, and saying:)*

I have had vain and idle Thoughts, loose, light, and evil imaginations in many kinds; I have entertained them long; I have been negligent in chasing them from my mind; I have taken pleasure and content in them; I have been rash and offensive in my Words, wanton and corrupt in my Communications; and I have not kept my self from Vanity and

and Complacency in them: Oftentimes in the frowardneſs and impatience of my ſpirit, I have been injurious by them to God and Man. I have been negligent and careleſs in my actions, living in liberty, and breaking too frequently the Commandments of Almighty God.

I. Whom I have not always ſet before mine Eye, nor ſtudied to know and ſeek him (as I ought) above all things; and knowing him, yet I have not acknowledged him,

in

in reverencing his Power and Majesty as I should.

Yea, I have sometimes doubted of him, misbelieving his Promises, and not trusting to his Help. I have made Flesh my Arm, and put my confidence in the pleasing Vanities and uncertain Prosperities of the World. I have otherwhile been full of roving and unlawful imaginations concerning God, and full of wandring thoughts in his Service.

II. I have often framed to set up to my self

ſelf divers Imaginations and Forms of GOD's Worſhip and Religion, which he hath not ſet and eſtabliſhed in his Church.

I have been negligent in giving him his external Worſhip and Honour, not falling down before him with that inward reverence of Spirit and Truth, nor with that outward Order and Humility of my Body which is requiſite always to be ſhewed forth and done before Him.

III. I have often drawn near

near unto him with my Lips, when my heart hath been far from him. I have too frequently, vainly, and inconsiderately used his great and fearful Name, and in the eagerness of my Spirit I have nor abstained from abusing it with rash Oaths and Execrations. My Vows and Promises that I have made in his Name, I have not performed: Those holy things whereon his sacred Name is set and imprinted, I have not duly regarded; and through my presumptuous vani-

ties,

ties, I have been an occasion to make his Name be evil spoken of, and profaned by others.

IV. I have often absented my self from the publick Worship and Service of his Holy Assemblies and Sanctuary; vainly misspending the days that are hallowed to the honour of his great Name.

V. I have not carried that reverence and regard, nor given that due obedience which I ought to them whom God hath placed over me, seeking rather my own will and plea-

pleasure, than submitting my self to their lawful precepts, and advice. I have too much unregarded the Persons of my Betters, and been unthankful to them that have deserv'd well of me.

VI. I have not done to all others, as I would that they should do to me; I have envied their welfare, the better and more prosperous Life of others above my own. I have often let the reins of my Passion loose to Anger, Malice, and Revenge; uncharitably de-

lighting in the miſchief and deſtruction of my own private or peculiar Enemies. When out of my abundance I might have relieved others that were in want, I have many times neglected it.

VII. I have often ſuffered my fancy and affections to wander licentiouſly: I have not held mine Eyes nor mine Ears nor my Tongue from vanity. I have not carefully eſchewed the occaſions and enticements to corrupt and vain affections: I have not preſerved

ved my Body in that Holineſs, Honour, and Purity which becometh the Temple of God.

VIII. I have not reckoned Godlineſs to be my greateſt Gain, nor been content with that which I have.

IX. I have liſtned to Flattery, and uſed it towards others: of many I have had evil ſuſpicions, and given raſh judgment upon them. Upon my ſelf I have ſet a greater value than I deſerved, and ſeemed better than I was, that I might gain a

false reputation from others. And I have often suffered truth to be gainsaid.

X. I am guilty of many inordinate Desires and irregular Affections.

And wo is me that in all these things I have offended: For if in all these things my Heart should not condemn me, God is greater than my Heart, and knoweth all things. But I confess them, and confessing am sorry for them, and being sorry for them, am ready to leave them, his

Grace

Grace thereunto assisting me; and not only to leave them, but to judge my self for them: with all religious lowliness and alacrity, submitting my self freely to the pious directions and advice that shall be given me by my Spiritual Governours and Ministers of God, for shewing forth the fruits of my sorrow and repentance, meet for amendment of life. And though I be altogether unworthy, yet for the Worth and Merits of my Saviour, in whose Merits and

Mercy I put my whole Truſt and Confidence, being (as he is) the Propitiation not only for my ſins, but for all the ſins of the World, I moſt humbly crave pardon and abſolution from them, and from all my other ſins which I may have now forgotten, and whereof my Conſcience may be afraid.

MEDI-

MEDITATIONS AND PRAYERS AT THE *Holy Communion*,

Referring to

I. PURITY.
II. FAITH.
III. CHARITY.

Meditations and Prayers at the Holy Communion.

I.

Purity.

I Will waſh my Hands in innocency, O Lord, and ſo will I go to thine Altar; I will come into thine Houſe in the multitude of thy mercies, and in thy Fear will I worſhip thee toward thy holy Foot-ſtool. For *Chriſt* our Paſſeover is offered; Let us therefore keep the Feaſt, not with the Leven of malice and wickedneſs, but with the unlevened Bread of Sincerity and Truth.

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The Prayer.

O Lord, cleanſe the thoughts of my heart by the inſpiration of thy Holy Spirit, that my Body may be made clean by the pure Body of my Saviour *Jeſus Chriſt*, once offered upon the Croſs, and that my Soul may be waſhed by his moſt precious Blood there ſhed for me, and that He may abide with me for ever. *Amen.*

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The Prayer.

O Lord, cleanse the thoughts of my heart by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that my Body may be made clean by the pure Body of my Saviour *Jesus Christ*, once offered upon the Cross, and that my Soul may be washed by his most precious Blood there shed for me, and that He may abide with me for ever. *Amen.*

II.

Faith.

I believe, Lord, help mine unbelief.

I Believe that God our Heavenly Father did of his tender mercy give his only Son *Jesus Christ* to suffer death upon the Cross for the Redemption of the World. I believe that he made there by the Obligation of himself once offered, a perfect Sacrifice and satisfaction for our sins. I believe that this Sacrament was ordained for the continual remembrance of

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that his Death and Sacrifice, and for the benefits we all receive by it. I believe that I ſhall here partake of the ſpiritual Food and moſt precious Body and Blood of Chriſt, the Bread of Life that came down from Heaven, the Blood that hath been carried up into the Holy places, and the Cup of Eternity. For they that eat of this Bread and drink of this Cup, ſhall live for ever.

The Prayer.

O My God, what are we, that thou ſo regar-

regarded us to give thy self for us, to give thy self to us, to be one with us, that we may have life in us, even life immortal, which will quicken us, and raise us up at the last day? O my Lord, I am not worthy, not worthy the least of thy Mercies; how much less of this, which is the greatest, greater than the World, greater than the Heavens, greater than all the Treasures of Heaven and Earth; but, I beseech Thee look upon me in the Greatness of thy Mercies,

cies, not weighing my Merits, but pardoning mine Offences. *Amen.*

III.

Charity.

THIS is a Sacrament of Love, and this is thy Commandment, that we ſhould love one another, even as thou haſt loved us: for we being many, are one Body, whereof Chriſt our Lord is the Head.

The Prayers.

O Thou Bleſſed and undivided Trinity, which teacheſt us that all our

our doings without Love and Unity are nothing worth, ſend into all our hearts that moſt excellent gift of Charity, and inflame our Souls with the celeſtial Fire of thy Love, that living together in unity of Spirit and the bond of Peace among our ſelves; we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnifie thy Holy Name, through Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

A LITANY *Privately to be used before the Receiving of the Holy Communion.*

O God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost; God the most holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity,

Have mercy upon me.

O Thou immaculate Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the World,

Have mercy upon me.

O Christ the Eternal Son of the Father, the Redeemer and Preserver of Men, the Bread and Life of

of the World, the Author and finisher of our Faith, the Great Mystery of Godliness, the Word that was made Flesh, to save thy Servants from their sins,

Have mercy upon me.

Save me, O God; for I come unto Thee in the multitude of thy Mercies, and in thy Fear will I fall down and worship Thee in thy Holy Temple, that Thou mayst

Have mercy upon me.

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender Mercies, and thy loving kind-

kindneſs which hath been ever of old: O remember not the ſins and frailties of thy Servant, but Spare me, O Lord, Spare me for thy goodneſs, and

Have mercy upon me.

From my unworthineſs to receive thy bleſſed Body and Blood, by which thou haſt redeemed me; from all carnal, vain, and earthly Imaginations in this thy Holy Sacrament, from all misbelief and incredulity of thy Word; from all defects of Sanctity, Love,

and

and Charity: from all my Sins and Iniquities;

Good Lord deliver me.

By that fervent ardor of Goodneſs and Charity wherewith thou cameſt down from Heaven; by thy bleſſed Croſs and Paſſion, and by the myſterious inſtitution of this thy Holy Sacrament;

Good Lord deliver me.

By thy moſt ſacred Body, which was broken and crucified; by thy moſt precious Blood, which was ſhed and poured forth for the Sins of the World;

Good Lord deliver me.

O Lord God, I beſeech thee to hear me, and that it may pleaſe thee to give us all true Faith and Repentance, with devout humility and Reverence, rightly and duly to celebrate this thy holy Sacrament, in memory of thy moſt hallowed, true, and propitiatory Sacrifice, with a firm Faith to receive thy bleſſed Myſteries, and to give thanks unto thy Name.

O Lord, I beſeech thee to hear me.

That it may pleaſe thee to accept this our boun-

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den duty and ſervice, our Sacrifice of Praiſe and Thankſgiving, the Memorial that we now make of thine own death and Sacrifice, which was once offered for us, and to grant that by the Merits and Power thereof, we and all thy Servants may receive remiſſion of our ſins, and be filled with thy Grace and Heavenly Benediction.

O Lord, I beſeech thee to hear me.

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, thou that takeſt away the

the Sins of the World,
Receive my Prayer.

When you are ready to receive the Holy Sacrament in each kind, do it with the greatest reverence and devotion that you may, (yet without all affectation and singularity) lifting up your hands and your heart to God.

And after you have Received, lift up your hands again, and say devoutly with your self, while others receive;

I.

BLessed art thou, O Lord; Blessing and Honour

Honour and Glory be unto thee, O thou Lamb of God, for evermore. *Amen.*

II.

This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our Eyes.

III.

I will magnifie thee, O Lord, and will praise thy Name for ever and ever.

IV.

All thy Works praise thee, O Lord, and thy Saints give thanks unto thee.

V.

Happy are those Servants

vants whom when their Lord cometh he shall find thus doing.

VI.

Salvation, and Blessing and Honour, be unto him that sitteth upon the Throne of Heaven, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Thanksgiving after the Holy Communion.

BLessed art Thou, O Lord God, and blessed be thy Holy Name for ever, who hast now vouchsafed to feed me with the Bread of Life, and hast given me to drink

drink the Cup of Eternity, the holy and heavenly Myſteries of the Body and Blood of my Saviour, thereby aſſuring my Soul of thy Favour and Goodneſs towards me, for the ſealing of my Faith, for the pardon of my Sins, for the obtaining of my Peace, and all other Benefits of Chriſt's bleſſed Paſſion.

I now moſt humbly beſeech thee to aſſiſt me with thy Heavenly Grace, that I may continue thine for ever, and be made a Temple of thy Holy

Holy Spirit; and that having now Christ dwelling in me by Faith, I may accomplish the rest of my Life in Repentance and Godly fear, in mortifying my own sinful Desires, and in keeping thy Holy Commandments. For which end guide me with thy Power, enlighten me with thy Word, and quicken me with thy Spirit. Elevate my Senses, compose my Manners, and order my Conversation aright; for thou art able to do abundantly

above all that I can ask or think: by which thy great and bountiful Goodness towards me, thou wilt glorifie thy Name in me, and bring me at last to thine Eternal Kingdom of Glory, through him who is the King of Glory, my blessed Lord and Saviour *Jesus Christ*. *Amen.*

Heb. 13. THe God of Peace who brought again from the Dead our Lord *Jesus Christ*, the great Sheepheard of his Flock, through the Blood of his Ever-

Everlasting Testament, make me perfect in every good work to do his Will, and that which is well-pleasing in his sight through the same *Jesus Christ* our Lord: To whom with the Father and the Holy Ghost be Glory for ever. *Amen.*

PRAYERS
UPON
Sundry Occasions.

PRAYERS

When you are upon a Journey.

I.

THE Almighty Lord be now and evermore my defence, to bleſs me and preſerve me from all evil in my going out, and my coming in, and give his Angels charge over me, to keep me in all my ways.

II.

IF God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I go, ſo that I come to my home in Peace; then ſhall I give

Thanks and pay my Vows unto him.

III.

O God, who knoweſt us to be ſet in the midſt of many dangers, grant that by thy mighty aid I may be defended from all things that may hurt me either in Body or Soul, through *Chriſt* our Lord. *Amen.*

IV.

DIſpoſe and Govern the way of thy Servant, O Lord, and further me with thy gracious and continual help, that in all my doings begun,

gun, continued, and ended in Thee, I may glorifie thy holy Name, and keep my ſelf by thy moſt mighty protection in the ways of thy Laws, and paths of thy Commandments, for the attainment of Everlaſting reſt and peace in thy Heavenly Kingdom, through *Chriſt* our Lord. *Amen.*

V.

SHew me thy ways, O Lord, and teach me thy Paths; for I lift up my Soul unto thee. Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me; for thou art the

God of my Salvation: in thee hath been my hope all the day long. *Amen.*

PRAYERS
In the time of any ſudden danger or diſtreſs.

I.

ALmighty and Everlaſting God, mercifully look upon me, and in this time of danger and neceſſity ſtretch forth thine hand to ſuccour and defend me, through Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

THe Almighty Lord, who is a ſtrong Tower

Tower of defence againſt all the Perils, Aſſaults, and Tribulations of this World, be now and evermore my Aid and Protector, through *Jeſus Chriſt* our bleſſed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

III.

FRom Lightning and Tempeſt, from all Evil and Miſchief, and from ſudden death,

Good Lord deliver me.

PRAYERS

In the time of Sickneſs and Affliction.

I.

SAve me, O King of Heaven, and hear me when I call upon thee, for I am in affliction and heavineſs. Thou art a defence for the opreſſed, and a refuge in the needful time of trouble: look down from Heaven & viſit me with thy Salvation.

II.

I Know that it is thy hand, and that thou Lord haſt done it, and thy doings are always juſt:

juſt: but thou art alſo good and gracious, and of great mercy to them that call upon Thee. Thou upholdeſt all them that are fallen, and lifteſt up thoſe that be down.

III.

I Know that of very faithfulneſs thou haſt cauſed me to be troubled that I might call upon thy Name.

IV.

And now Lord, what is my hope? Truly my hope is even in Thee; For thou art the hope of all the ends of the Earth,

Earth, the aid of all that need, the help of all that fly to thee for Succour, O turn thee unto me, and ſhew me the light of thy Countenance, that I may be made whole, and give thanks unto thy Name.

V.

O God, favourably with mercy hear my Prayers, and grant that all thoſe things which I ſuffer for my ſins, I may well paſs and overcome, by thy moſt gracious and ready help, through Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

VI.

VI.

O Do well unto thy Servant, that I may live and keep thy Commandments.

VII.

MErcifully, O Lord, look upon mine Infirmity, and for the glory of thy Name turn from me all those Evils that I most righteously have deserved, and grant that in all my troubles I may put my whole trust and confidence in thy Mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honour

Honour, and Glory, through our only Mediator and Advocate *Jeſus Chriſt* our Lord. *Amen.*

Meditations in the time of Sickneſs, upon the great Mercies of God.

I.

WHen we are judged, we are chaſtned of the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the World.

II.

REfuſe not the correction of the Almighty: it is the Lord, let him do what ſeems good in his own Eyes.

III.

AS it pleaſeth the Lord, ſo cometh every thing to paſs: Bleſſed be the Name of the Lord. IV.

GOD is the Lord of Life and Death, of ſickneſs and of health, by whoſe appointment we were born, and by whoſe commandment again we muſt die; our time is in his hand, and to him belong the iſſues of Death.

V.

GOD is meek and gentle, ready to accept our ſorrow and repentance for ſin. VI.

VI.

HE is exceeding ſlow to anger, and not eaſily provoked; he ſeeth our ſins, and makes as if he ſaw them not; he many times over-looketh them, and by his long-ſuffering paſſeth them by as loth to ſee them.

VII.

WHen he cannot but ſee, yet he forbears, and is patient: Forbears long, ſuffers long, many times, many years.

VIII.

WHen he can ſuffer, & ſtay no longer, but

but puniſh he muſt, he doth it againſt his will; and when he is angry, he containeth himſelf in it, and ſuffereth not his whole diſpleaſure to ariſe.

IX.

HE is angry, but not according to our deſerts, nothing ſo much: He is angry, but not long, it endures but a little while, and in his wrath he thinketh upon mercy; he thinks every ſtripe two, and is quickly weary; he repents him of the evil, and is ſoon appeaſed.

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HE will have none to periſh, but have all to be ſaved; he willeth not the death of a ſinner, but that he ſhould repent and live:

XI.

NOT of any Sinner; not of *Manaſſes*, not of *Rahab*, not of *Mary Magdalen*; not of Saint *Paul*, who was once a chief Sinner.

XII.

FOR Chriſt came into the World to ſave Sinners, and of them that come unto him he caſteth none out.

A Thankſgiving after Recovery from Sickneſs.

I.

O Lord, thou haſt dealt graciouſly with thy Servant, according to thy great Goodneſs and Mercy. Before I was troubled, I went aſtray; but now I will take heed to my ways, that I ſwerve not from thy Precepts. It is good for me that I have been in trouble, that I may learn to obey thy Commandments.

II.

II.

RIghteous art thou, O Lord, and true are thy Judgments. Trouble and Heavineſs have taken hold upon me, but my ſure truſt hath been in thy Mercy. O let my Soul live, and it ſhall praiſe Thee, and thy Judgments ſhall help me.

III.

I Will always give thanks unto the Lord, his Praiſe ſhall be ever in my mouth. O Lord my God, I cried unto Thee, and Thou haſt healed me: Thou haſt turned my hea-

heavineſs into joy, and girded me with gladneſs, therefore will I ſing of thy Praiſe without ceaſing, and give thanks unto Thee for ever.

IV.

I Sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me out of all my trouble: for the Angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them. The Eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his Ears are open unto their Prayers.

V.

V.

WHat reward ſhall I give unto the Lord for all the benefits that he hath done unto me? I will take the Cup of Salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord. I will offer to Thee the Sacrifice of Thankſgiving, evermore praiſing Thee, and ſaying, O Holy Lord God Almighty, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive Honour, and Glory, and Power: for Thou haſt created all things, and for thy Will's ſake they are and were created.

VI.

VI.

BLeſſing, and Honour, and Glory, and Thankſgiving, and Power, and Might, be unto the Lord our God for ever and ever.

AMEN.

THE END.

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Prayer I.

O Bleſſed Lord, who in thine infinite mercy didſt vouchſafe to plant a glorious Church among us, and now in thy juſt judgment haſt permitted our ſins and follies to root it up; be pleaſed at laſt to reſume thoughts of Peace towards us, that we may do the like to one another.

Lord, look down from Heaven, the habitation of thy Holineſs, and behold the Ruines of a deſolate Church; and compaſſionate to ſee her in the duſt, Behold her, O Lord, not only broken, but crumbled, divided into ſo many Sects and Fractions, that ſhe no longer repreſents the Ark of the God of *Iſrael*, where the Covenant and the Manna were Conſerved, but the Ark of *Noah*, filled with all various ſorts of unclean Beaſts: and to compleat our miſery

ſery and guilt, the Spirit of Diviſion hath inſinuated it ſelf as well into our Affections as our Judgments; that Badge of Diſcipleſhip which thou recommendedſt to us, is caſt off, and all the contrary wrath and bitterneſs, anger and clamour, called in to maintain and widen our breaches. O Lord, how long ſhall we thus violate and defame that Goſpel of Peace that we profeſs? How long ſhall we thus madly defeat our ſelves, loſe that Chriſtianity which we

pretend to ſtrive for? O thou which makeſt men to be of one mind in an Houſe, be pleaſed ſo to unite us, that we may be perfectly joyn'd together in the ſame mind, and in the ſame judgment. And now that in Civil Affairs there ſeems ſome aptneſs to a compoſure, O let not our Spiritual Differences be more unreconcileable. Lord, let not the rougheſt winds blow out of the Sanctuary, let not thoſe which ſhould be Embaſſadors for Peace, ſtill ſound a Trumpet for War:

War: but do thou reveal thy ſelf to all our *Eliahs* in that ſtill ſmall Voice, which may teach them to echo thee in the like meek treating with others. Lord let no unſeaſonable ſtiffneſs of thoſe that are in the right, no perverſe obſtinacy of thoſe that are in the wrong, hinder the cloſing of our wounds; but let the one inſtruct in meekneſs, and be thou pleaſed to give the other repentance to the acknowledgment of the truth. To this end, do thou, O Lord, mollifie all

exaſperate minds, take off all animoſities and prejudices, contempt and heart-burnings, and by uniting their hearts, prepare for the reconciling their Opinions; And that nothing may intercept the clear ſight of thy truth, Lord, let all private and ſecular Deſigns be totally depoſited, that gain may no longer be the meaſure of our Godlineſs, but that the one great and common concernment of truth and peace may be unanimouſly and vigorouſly pur-

purſued. Lord, the hearts of all men are in thy hands, O be thou pleaſed to let thy Spirit of Peace overſhadow the minds of all contending Parties; and if it be thy will, reſtore this Church to her priſtine ſtate, renew her days as of old; let her eſcape out of *Egypt* be ſo entire, that not an hoof may be left behind: but if thy Wiſdom ſee it not yet a ſeaſon for ſo full a deliverance, Lord, defer not we beſeech thee, ſuch a degrae of it, as may at leaſt ſecure her a being;

if ſhe cannot recover her Beauty, yet, O Lord, grant her Health, ſuch a ſoundneſs of Conſtitution as may preſerve her from diſſolution. Let thy Providence find out ſome good *Samaritans* to cure her preſent Wounds: and to whomſoever thou ſhalt commit that important Work, Lord, give them skilful hands and compaſſionate hearts; direct them to ſuch applications as may moſt ſpeedily, and yet moſt ſoundly heal the hurt of the Daughter of *Sion*; and

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make them ſo advert to the Intereſts both of Truth and Peace, that no lawful condeſcenſion may be omitted, nor any unlawful made. And do thou who art both the wonderful Counſellor and Prince of Peace, ſo guide and proſper all Pacifick endeavours, that all our diſtractions may be compoſed, and our *Jeruſalem* may again become a City at unity in it ſelf; that thoſe happy Primitive days may at length revert, wherein Vice was the only Hereſie;

ſie; that all our inteſtine contentions may be converted into a vigorous oppoſition of our common Enemy, our unbrotherly Feuds into a Chriſtian Zeal againſt all that exalts it ſelf againſt the obedience of *Chriſt*. Lord, hear us, and ordain Peace for us, even for his ſake whom thou haſt ordained our Peace-maker, *Jeſus Chriſt* our Lord.

Prayer II.

O Moſt gracious Lord who doſt not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men, who ſmiteſt

teſt not till the importunity of our ſins enforce thee, and then correcteſt in meaſure; we thy unworthy Creatures humbly acknowledge that we have abundantly taſted of this patience and lenity of thine. To what an enormous height were our ſins arrived, e're thou began'ſt to viſit them! and when thou couldeſt no longer forbear, yet maſtering thy Power, thou haſt not proportion'd thy vengeance to our crimes, but to thy own gracious deſign of reducing and reclaim-

reclaiming us. Lord had the firſt ſtroke of thy hand been exterminatings, our guilts had juſtified the method; but thou haſt proceeded by ſuch eaſie and gentle degrees, as witneſs how much thou deſired'ſt to be interrupted, and ſhew us, that all that ſad weight we have long groaned under, hath been accumulated only by our own incorrigibleneſs. 'Tis now, O Lord, theſe many years that this Nation hath been in the Furnace, and yet our

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droſs waſtes not, but increaſes; and it is owing only to thy unſpeakable mercy, that we, who would not be purified, are not conſumed; that we remain a Nation, who ceaſe not to be a moſt ſinful and provoking Nation. O Lord, let not this long-ſuffering of thine ſerve only to upbraid our obſtinacy, and enhance our guilt; but let it at laſt have the proper effect on us, melt our hearts, and lead us to repentance. And O that this may be the day for us,

us, thus to diſcern the things that belong to our Peace! that all who are (yea, and all who are not) caſt down this day in an external humiliation, may by the operation of thy mighty Spirit have their Souls laid proſtrate before thee in a ſincere contrition! O thou who canſt out of the very ſtones raiſe up Children unto *Abraham*, work our ſtony flinty hearts into ſuch a temper as may be malleable to the impreſſions of thy grace, that all the ſinners in *Sion* may tremble;

tremble; that we may not by a perſevering obſtinacy ſeal to our ſelves both temporal and eternal ruine, but inſtead of our mutinous complaining at the puniſhments of our ſins, ſearch and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord. O be thou pleaſed to grant us this one grand fundamental mercy, that we, who ſo impatiently thirſt after a change without us, may render that poſſible and ſafe by this better and more neceſſary change within us; that our ſins may

may not, as they have ſo often done, interpoſe and Eclipſe that light which now begins to break out upon us. Lord, thy Dove ſeems to approach us with an Olive Branch in her mouth; Oh let not our filth and noiſomneſs chaſe her away; but grant us that true repentance which may atone thee, and that Chriſtian Charity which may reconcile us with one another. Lord, let not our breach either with thee, or among our ſelves, be incurable, but by making up

up the first, prepare us for the healing of the latter. And because, O Lord, the way to make us one Fold is to have one Shepherd, be pleased to put us all under the conduct of him to whom that charge belongs; bow the hearts of this People as of one Man, that the only contention may be, who shall be most forward in bringing back our *David*. O let none reflect on their past Guilts, as an Argument to persevere, but repent, and to make their return so sincere as may

may qualifie them, not only for his but thy Mercy. And, Lord, be pleased so to guide the hearts of all who shall be intrusted with that great Concernment of setling this Nation, that they may weigh all their deliberations in the Balance of the Sanctuary, that Conscience, not Intereſt, may be the ruling principle, and that they may render to *Cæsar* the things that are *Cæsar*'s, and to God the things that are God's; that they may become healers of

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our breaches, and happy Repairers of the ſad Ruines both in Church and State: And grant, O Lord, that as thoſe ſins which made them are become National, ſo the repentance may be National alſo, and that evidenc'd by the proper fruits of it, by zeal of reſtoring the rights both of thee and thine Anointed. And do thou, O Lord, ſo diſpoſe all hearts, and remove all obſtacles, that none may have the will, much leſs the power, to hinder his peaceable reſti-

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tution. And, Lord, let him bring with him an heart ſo intirely devoted to thee, that he may wiſh his own Honour only as a means to advance thine. O let the Precepts and Example of his bleſſed Father never depart from his mind; and as thou wert pleas'd to perfect the one by ſuffering, ſo perfect the other by acting thy will; that He may be a bleſſed Inſtrument of replanting the power inſtead of the form of Godlineſs among us, of reſtoring Chriſtian vertue

vertue in a profane and almoſt barbarous Nation. And if any wiſh him for any diſtant ends, if any deſire his ſhadow as a ſhelter for their riots and licentiouſneſs, O let him come a great, but happy defeat to all ſuch, not bring fuel, but cure to their inordinate appetites; and by his example as a Chriſtian, and his Authority as a King, ſo invite to good, and reſtrain from evil, that he may not only releaſe our temporal, but our ſpiritual Bondage, ſuppreſs thoſe foul

foul and ſcandalous Vices which have ſo long captivated us, and by ſecuring our inward, provide for the perpetuating our outward Peace. Lord, eſtabliſh thou his Throne in Righteouſneſs, make him a ſignal inſtrument of thy glory and our happineſs, and let him reap the fruits of it in comfort here, and in bliſs hereafter; ſo that this Earthly Crown may ſerve to enhance and enrich his Heavenly. Grant this, O King of Kings, for the ſake and interceſſion of our Bleſſed Mediator *Jeſus Chriſt*.

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